

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 57.35

act and the regulations in this part. The Administrator is authorized to waive for limited periods any particular provisions of the regulations in this part to permit experimentation so that new procedures, equipment, grading, inspection, and processing techniques may be tested to facilitate definite improvements and at the same time to determine full compliance with the spirit and intent of the regulations in this part. The AMS and its officers and employees shall not be liable in damages through acts of commission or omission in the administration of this part.

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### § 57.13 Federal and State cooperation

The Secretary shall, whenever determined necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Act, authorize the Administrator to cooperate with appropriate State and other governmental agencies in carrying out any provisions of the Egg Products Inspection Act and this part. In carrying out the provisions of the Act and the regulations in this part, the Secretary may conduct such examinations, investigations, and inspections as the Secretary determines practicable through any officer or employee of any such agency commissioned by the Secretary for such purpose. The Secretary shall reimburse the States and other agencies for the services rendered by them stated in the cooperative agreements signed by the Administrator and the duly authorized agent of the State or other agency.

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### § 57.17 Nondiscrimination.

The conduct of all services and the licensing of inspectors under these regulations shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

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### § 57.18 OMB control number.

The information collection requirements in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget

and assigned OMB control number 0581-0113.

[63 FR 69970, Dec. 17, 1998]

## SCOPE OF INSPECTION

### § 57.20 Inspection in accordance with methods prescribed or approved.

Inspection of eggs shall be rendered pursuant to these regulations and under such conditions and in accordance with such methods as may be prescribed or approved by the Administrator.

[63 FR 69968, 69970, Dec. 17, 1998]

### § 57.22 Basis of service.

This part provides for inspection services pursuant to the Egg Products Inspection Act, as amended. Eggs shall be inspected in accordance with such standards, methods, and instructions as may be issued or approved by the Administrator. Inspection services shall be subject to supervision at all times by the applicable Federal-State supervisor, staff officer, regulatory officer, regional director, and national supervisor.

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### § 57.28 Inspections.

(a) Periodic inspections shall be made of business premises, facilities, inventories, operations, transport vehicles, and records of egg handlers, and the records of all persons engaged in the business of transporting, shipping, or receiving any eggs. In the case of shell egg packers packing eggs for the ultimate consumer, such inspections shall be made a minimum of once each calendar quarter. Hatcheries are to be inspected a minimum of once each fiscal year.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) Inspections shall be made of imported eggs as required in this part.

[63 FR 69968, 69970, Dec. 17, 1998, as amended at 69 FR 57166, Sept. 24, 2004]

## RELATION TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

### § 57.35 Eggs in commerce.

(a)(1) For eggs that moved or are moving in interstate or foreign commerce, no State or local jurisdiction: